

IN THE CLAIMS:

Applicants cancel claims 1, 2 and 16, without prejudice, amend claims 3-16 and add new claims 17 and 18.

Claim 1, canceled

Claim 2, canceled

3. (currently amended) Method as claimed in claim [1] 17, wherein [, characterized in that] elastomeric adhesive connections (12) are used to seam the edges.

4. (currently amended) Method as claimed in claim [1] 17, wherein [characterized in that] the margin region (3) of the undergarment is defined by elastomeric adhesion connections (12).

5. (currently amended) Method as claimed in claim [1] 17, wherein [, characterized in that] the lower layer (11) of the undergarment is disposed in an approximately semicircular [,] or oval [or, in any case,] deepened recess (14) of the silk screen frame and filled with the elastomeric adhesive substance.

6. (currently amended) Method as claimed in claim [1] 17, wherein [, characterized in that] additional parts are embedded in the adhesive substance application (12) [corresponding addition parts are embedded], which are completely surrounded by the adhesive substance such that no interfering abutment edges are generated.

7. (currently amended) Method as claimed in claim [1] 17, wherein [, characterized in that] into [the] a recess (14) on the silk screen frame (1) still an additional insertion [parts] part is [are emplaced] placed, [such as wires (13) or also closure means (25), such as hook closures, zipper closures or other fastening means].

8. (currently amended) Method as claimed in claim [1] 17, wherein [, characterized in that] at the site at which the greatest support force is to be attained, the widest adhesive substance bead (12) is applied.

9. (currently amended) Method as claimed in claim [1] 17, wherein [, characterized in that] additional adhesive substance application dots (5) are applied on the undergarment at those sites at which greater support force is desired.

10. (currently amended) Method as claimed in claim [1] 17, wherein [, characterized in that as the material for] the adhesive substance (10) employed is an elastomeric silicone adhesive [substance is employed], which is structured as a single-component adhesive substance.

11. (currently amended) Method as claimed in claim [1] 17, wherein [, characterized in that as the material for] the adhesive substance (10) employed is an elastomeric silicone adhesive [substance is employed], which is structured as a multi-component adhesive silicone substance.

12. (currently amended) Method as claimed in claim [1] 17, wherein [, characterized in that] as the material employed for the adhesive substance (10) is a polyurethane adhesive [substances are employed] substance.

13. (currently amended) Method as claimed in claim [1] 17, wherein [, characterized in that as] the material employed for the adhesive substance (10) is an unvulcanized rubber adhesive [substances are employed] substance.

14. (currently amended) Method as claimed in claim [1] 17, wherein a silk screen process is used to apply [, characterized in that] an adhesive substance application (12) onto the undergarment [takes place in silk screen processes].

15. (currently amended) Method as claimed in claim [1] 17, wherein a silk screen process is used to apply [, characterized in that] an elastomeric adhesive band [is produced] used as an adhesive substance application (12) [in silk screen processes].

Claim 16, canceled

New claim 17. Method for producing undergarments comprising the steps of: positioning an upper layer and a lower layer of an undergarment to substantially juxtapose associated margin regions thereof; selectively applying elastomeric adhesive substance applications between said upper and lower layers; applying pressure to press said upper and lower layers against each other, said lower layer (11) and the upper layer (15) of the garment being adhered to one another and forming between them a flat adhesive application, which subsequently extends into the upper layer (15) as well as into the lower layer (11) and elastomerically joins the two layers with one another with a high elasticity bond between said upper and lower layers.

New claim 18. Method for producing undergarments according to claim 7, wherein said insertion part is selected from the group consisting of a wire, a hook closure, a zipper closure and a fastener.